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## **Sen. Cassis' initiative for stricter out-of-state trash standards signed into law**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, was on hand today for the signing of a bill she sponsored to prohibit out-of-state trash from entering the state unless its place of origin has the same stringent waste standards as Michigan. Landfills would be required to refuse any out-of-state trash that did not meet Michigan's tough standards.

"This new law removes a double standard in trash disposal that has existed for far too long," Cassis said. "It just makes sense that Michigan landfills only accept trash from places with laws as protective as ours."

Senate Bill 502 prohibits other states and countries from exporting things like tires, batteries, yard clippings, and used oil to Michigan landfills. Such materials are already prohibited from Michigan waste.

The bill is part of a comprehensive revision of the state's solid-waste management laws to include additional protections against the disposal of inappropriate waste in Michigan's landfills.

Cassis has long been passionate about stopping the influx of Canadian trash into Michigan landfills. She went door-to-door in 2002 collecting hundreds of petition signatures from citizens who support ending Michigan's importation of Canadian trash. She also sponsored resolutions in both the House and Senate and provided written testimony to Congress supporting legislation that would give states the authority to control the importation foreign garbage.

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